

All changes which come within the meaning and range of equivalency of the claims are to be embraced within their scope.

What is claimed is:

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1. A method for recovering a failed print task comprising:
monitoring a print system for a print task failure;
saving a failed print task when a print task failure occurs;
monitoring said print system for a successful print task;
resending said saved, failed print task to a printer to which said successful print task was sent.
2. The method of claim 1 wherein said monitoring for a print task failure, said saving, said monitoring for a successful print task and said resending are controlled by a print system component.
3. The method of claim 2 wherein said print system component is a print processor.
4. The method of claim 2 wherein said print system component is a spooler.
5. The method of claim 1 wherein said resending only occurs when said printer to which said successful print task was sent is the same printer as the one to which the failed print task was sent.

15. A system for recovering a failed print task comprising:
 - a first monitor for monitoring a print system for a print task failure;
 - storage for saving a failed print task when a print task failure occurs;
 - a second monitor for monitoring said print system for a successful print task;
 - an analyzer for analyzing said successful print task characteristics to determine the capability of the printer to which said successful print task was sent;
 - an evaluator for evaluating said printer's capability to determine whether said printer can print said failed print task;
 - a sender for resending said saved, failed print task to said printer if said printer is capable of printing said failed print task.

16. A computer readable medium comprising instructions for performing functions within a print system component, said instructions comprising the acts of:

monitoring a print system for a print task failure;
saving a failed print task when a print task failure occurs;

monitoring said print system for a successful print task;

analyzing said successful print task characteristics to determine the capability of the printer to which said successful print task was sent;
evaluating said printer's capability to determine whether said printer can print said failed print task;

resending said saved, failed print task to said printer if said printer is capable of printing said failed print task.

